

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/8/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2 and 11-14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant during the supplemental amendment amended (via facimail, attached herewith) the claims followingly:

Amended claims 1 and 11-14.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by Richard Osman via telephone (8/4/06).

Examiner Amendment

Please amend the abstract to a single paragraph as shown in the attached page.

Reason for Allowance

Applicants have established novel procedures for the detection of O-sulfonation of serine or threonine residue of a protein in cell. Prior art does not teach the detection of O-sulfonation of serine or threonine residue of protein in cell. Though O-sulfonation of tyrosine of protein (Hiltz et al. PNAS 1955, 41, 880. Bettelheim et al. JACS 1954, 76, 2838-2839) and O-sulfonation of glycopeptide (Conboy et al. J. AM.SOc Mass Spect 1992, 3, 804-814) is known but O-sulfonation of serine or threonine of a protein in cell is not known in prior art. As such these novel procedures for the detection of O-sulfonation of serine or threonine of protein in cell are novel and non-obvious.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammad Meah whose telephone number is 571-272-1261. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapu Achutamurthy can be reached on 571-272-0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Post-translational O-sulfonation of a serine or threonine residue of proteins is detected, optionally comparatively, wherein the detected O-sulfonation is detected under a first physiological condition, and is compared with a control O-sulfonation detected under a second physiological condition, and a difference between the detected and control O-sulfonations indicates a difference between the first and second physiological conditions. Predetermined changes in physiological conditions are used to infer specific changes in O-sulfonation. Proteins are modified by introducing a predetermined change in O-sulfonation at a serine or threonine residue of the protein, and optionally, detecting a resultant change in O-sulfonation. These methods include introducing or increasing O-sulfonation, eliminating or reducing O-sulfonation; and derivatizing or substituting O-sulfonation.